

## County of Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Headquarters



4700 Ramona Boulevard Monterey Park, California 91754-2169

December 23, 2009



You are hereby notified that pursuant to an Education-Based Discipline (EBD) Agreement between you and this Department dated December 10, 2009, you are suspended without pay from your position of Deputy Sheriff, Item No. 2708A, with this Department for a period of ten (10) days. However, pursuant to the EBD agreement, the ten (10) days will be held in abeyance for a period of twelve (12) months which will end on December 9, 2010. All Department records will reflect, nevertheless, that you received a ten (10) day suspension. In accordance with the EBD Agreement, you have agreed to participate in an education-based alternative to discipline. Should you fail to complete any of the terms and conditions of the EBD Agreement, the ten (10) days held in abeyance will be imposed.

An investigation under File Number IAB 2226969, conducted by Internal Affairs Bureau, coupled with your own statements, has established the following:

- That in violation of Manual of Policy and Procedures Section 3-01/050.10, Performance to Standards, on or about June 26, 2008, you failed to properly perform your duties and/or failed to safely conform to the work standards established for your position and/or failed to take appropriate action, as evidenced by, but not limited to:
  - failing to broadcast the initial incident involving an armed suspect, and/or;
  - failing to request, in a timely manner, additional personnel to assist in the containment of the area and/or to search for an armed suspect, and/or;



- proceeding up the driveway to contact an armed suspect, thereby visually separating yourself from your partner and/or placing yourself at a tactical disadvantage, and/or;
- unnecessarily compromising your own safety and that of your partner.

Prior to imposing this disciplinary action, I have thoroughly reviewed the incident and your record with this Department.

The Sheriff's Department reserves the right to amend and/or add to this letter.

Sincerely,

LEROY D. BACA, SHERIFF

### **Original Signed**

Diane E. Walker, Captain Commander, Compton Station

Note: Attached for your convenience are excerpts of the applicable areas of the Manual of Policy and Procedures.

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c: Advocacy Unit
Cecil W. Rhambo Jr, Chief, Field Operations Region II
Internal Affairs Bureau
Personnel Administration
Office of Independent Review (OIR)
Operation Safe Streets Bureau/unit Personnel File

### 3-01/050.10 PERFORMANCE TO STANDARDS

Members shall maintain sufficient competency to properly perform their duties and assume the responsibilities of their positions. Members shall perform their duties in a manner which will tend to establish and maintain the highest standard of efficiency in carrying out the functions and objectives of the Department.

Incompetence may be demonstrated by:

A lack of knowledge of the application of laws required to be enforced,

An unwillingness or inability to perform assigned tasks,

Failure to conform to work standards established for the member's rank or position,

Failure to take appropriate action on the occasion of a crime, disorder or other condition deserving police attention,

Absence without leave,

Unnecessary absence from an assigned area during a tour of duty.

In addition to the above, the following will be considered to be prima facie evidence of incompetence:

Repeated poor evaluations,

A written record of repeated infractions of the Department's rules, regulations, manuals or directives.

04/01/96 MPP

I certify that on the date indicated below, I received the original of the attached **LETTER OF SUSPENSION** under File Number *IAB 2226969* as set forth in Section 18.01 of the Rules of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission.



I certify that on the date indicated below, I served the original of the attached letter of suspension on as set forth in Section 18.01 of the Rules of the Los Angeles County Civil Service Commission.

DATE

WITNESS SIGNATURE

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WITNESS PRINT

Please return this page along with Timekeeping Notification within two (2) business days to:

MAGGIE DIXON INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU 4900 S. EASTERN AVE. #100 CITY OF COMMERCE CA 90040 (323) 890-5314

### SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

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DATE:

November 9, 2009

OFFICE-GQRRESPONDENCE

FILE NO.

IV2226969

FROM:

STEPHEN B. JOHNSON, COMMANDER CUSTODY OPERATIONS DIVISION

TO:

KARYN MANNIS, CAPTAIN INTERNAL AFFAIRS BUREAU

SUBJECT:

EXECUTIVE FORCE REVIEW COMMITTEE FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS HIT SHOOTING

The purpose of this memo is to notify you of the Review Committee's findings and recommendations concerning the use of force incident which occurred on June 26, 2008.

The Committee, consisting of Commander Kevin A. Goran, Field Operations Region II, Commander Jack Jordan, Detective Division, and I, met on November 5, 2009.

#### The Committee deemed:

- os Founded the allegation that Deputy will would would violated the Department's Manual of Policy and Procedure, Section 3-01/050.10 (Performance to Standards), on or about June 26, 2008, he failed to properly perform his duties and/or failed to safely conform to work standards established for his position and/or failed to take appropriate action during the incident as evidenced by, but not limited to:
  - failing to broadcast the initial incident involving an armed suspect; and/or.
  - failing to request, in a timely manner, additional personnel to assist in the containment of the area and/or to search for an armed suspect; and/or,
  - c) proceeding up the driveway to contact an armed suspect; thereby, visually separating himself from his partner and/or placing himself at a tactical disadvantage; and/or,
  - d) unnecessarily comprising his own safety and that of his partner.

The Committee recommended that Deputy # receive a Suspension with loss of pay and benefits for 10 days.

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Deputy (Homicide interview)

#### WITNESS INTERVIEW

Deputy

### **EXHIBITS**

A - Homicide Investigation Book, File# 008-11673-2872-013

B - District Attorney Letter of Opinion, dated March 30, 2009.

Five (5) photographs depicting location of shooting and used for reference during Deputy IAB interview.

**D** - One (1) CD containing crime scene pictures.

### MISCELLANEOUS DOCUMENTS

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### **Investigative Summary**

Deputy Involved Hit Shooting, Suspect Deceased Incident: LASD Report: 008-11673-2872-013 IAB File: SH 2222911 and IV 2226969 **Opening Statement** On Thursday, June 26, 2008, IAB investigators Sergeant Trent Denison, Sergeant David Flores and Lieutenant Alicia Ault responded to a command post erected by Compton Station personnel regarding a Deputy Involved Hit Shooting. Investigators learned from Homicide detectives that Compton Station Deputy was involved in a shooting and the suspect was deceased. Sergeant Trent Denison was assigned the administrative and force review investigation. Synopsis On June 26, 2008 at approximately 1755 hours, Deputies were driving south on Wadsworth Avenue near 150th Street when they noticed Suspect Bryan Moore walking south on the east sidewalk of Wadsworth Avenue. Both deputies noticed Suspect Moore walking with an abnormal gait and holding his waistband area, which gave them the impression he was concealing a firearm. When they drove to within fifteen feet of Suspect Moore to investigate if he was armed, Suspect Moore noticed them and immediately ran several feet toward a fence of a residence. As Suspect Moore approached the fence, both deputies noticed he withdrew a black color pistol from his waistband area and held it in his right hand as he scaled the chain link fence, which was covered in ivy. Both deputies lost sight of Suspect Moore after he went over the fence. exited the radio car and walked along the sidewalk on 150th Street, in front of Deputy the house Suspect Moore had jumped into the front yard of. Deputy to the corner of Wadsworth Avenue and 150th Street and stopped to form a two person containment of the area. Deputy walked of the corner on 150th Street and then heard and saw Suspect Moore scale the chain link fence that delineated the two properties. proceeded up the driveway of 150<sup>th</sup> Street, toward Suspect Moore as Moore Deputy jumped onto the same driveway, landing approximately 15 feet in front of Deputy Suspect Moore started to turn toward Deputy as Deputy shouted orders for him to stop. Deputy noticed Suspect Moore still had his hands at his waistband area and Moore's right arm moved in a "blading" motion across his chest while his back was to Deputy Deputy believed Suspect Moore was still armed and was moving to a position to shoot him. Because Deputy feared Suspect Moore was going to shoot him, he fired three times

was not injured.

Deputy

at Suspect Moore. Suspect Moore fell to the ground and was apprehended. Suspect Moore received three gunshot wounds and was taken to the hospital were he was pronounced dead.

IAB Lieutenant Ault checked to see that the Compton Station Watch Commander took reasonable steps to ensure that the involved and witness personnel did not discuss the incident among themselves or with uninvolved persons prior to being interviewed by the assigned investigators. The Watch Commander made sure the involved and witness personnel did not collectively consult with their attorney or representative and IAB Lieutenant Ault checked to see if the Watch Commander had involved and witness personnel gather in the company of a supervisor until they had provided a statement to the assigned investigators.

Homicide investigators conducted a search for Suspect Moore's weapon, utilizing deputy personnel and a article search dog however, they were unable to locate the suspect's weapon.

Homicide detectives conducted a shooting investigation as documented in the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A].

On August 6, 2008, Undersheriff Waldie ordered Internal Affairs Bureau to conduct a Administrative Investigation for Performance to Standards with Deputy as a subject, in relation to his actions during this incident. (IV 2226969)

On March 30, 2009, the District Attorney's office issued a Letter of Opinion regarding this incident [Exhibit B].

### **Involved Personnel**

Work History
Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol:
Date Completed Patrol Training:
Date Assigned to Compton Station:
Prior Shooting Incident(s):
Prior Founded Force Incident(s):

### Suspect

Deputy

- Carlotte
Moore, Bryan Davidlee, MB/26, DOB 07-10-81, 6'00", 215 lbs., Black, Brown, 1047 150th
Street, Compton California, unknown phone, CII# FBI#
AKA: "CK" from "Campanella Park Piru" street gang. Suspect Moore had an



Several people were located and identified by Homicide investigators and were interviewed as potential witnesses. Conflicting statements were obtained from one person, who claimed to have witnessed the incident. For more information, see the Homicide supplemental reports on pages 24, 28, 31, 37, & 41 - 44 found in the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A].

### **Injuries**

Suspect Moore died as a result of his gunshot wounds. For more information, see the Autopsy Report found on page 58 of the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A].

No other persons were injured.

### Physical Evidence

Three expended 9mm shell casings were located by Homicide investigators and collected by Scientific Services personnel as noted on their reports found on pages 45 - 57 in the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A].

### **Investigators Observations**

IAB investigators were given a walk through of the crime scene by Homicide detectives. Investigators noticed a marked Sheriff's radio car parked at an angle near the driveway of 150<sup>th</sup> Street (location of shooting). Investigators also noticed two expended shell casings in the driveway of the location and one expended shell casing near a planter at the northwest corner of the house and medical debris near a small blood stain on the driveway were it was reported Suspect Moore had been shot.

IAB investigators noticed the chain link fence Suspect Moore was reported to have first climbed was approximately four foot tall and covered with ivy and the six foot tall chain link fence Suspect Moore climbed over at the time of the shooting had wood privacy slats and ivy on part of it. There was a large amount of plant overgrowth around the driveway and yards of the two residences involved in this incident. There was a block wall on the north side of the driveway and small garage of 150th Street.

IAB investigators noticed a four foot tall chainlink fence with privacy slats was partially open and located in the driveway of 150<sup>th</sup> Street. The fence crossed the driveway and separated one portion of the driveway from another portion just in front of a garage. This area of the driveway was covered by a tarp carport and the residence was on the east side of the driveway.

driveway on the north side of this fence at the time of the shooting.
Weapon used by Deputy  Deputy  fired three rounds of Department issued 9mm ammunition from his Department issued Beretta 92F 9mm semi automatic pistol.
Weapon used by Suspect Moore  Both Deputy and Deputy said Suspect Moore was in possession of a small black color semi automatic pistol. The weapon was not recovered.
Property Damage None
Criminal Investigators Homicide Detectives F. Salerno and L. Aguilera
<u>Lighting and Weather Conditions</u> The shooting took place during daylight hours, dusk, 1755 hours. The weather was warm, dry and clear.
On June 26, 2008, Homicide detectives interviewed Deputy regarding this incident. Homicide's summary of this interview is an accurate account of what was said and may be found on page 34 of the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A]. For more information and exact wording, see Deputy attached Homicide interview transcription.
On September 17, 2009 Deputy was interviewed as a Subject by IAB investigators, regarding this incident.
Deputy said that he and his partner, Deputy were driving south on Wadsworth Avenue, north of 150 <sup>th</sup> Street when they saw Suspect Moore. He said Moore was walking with an abnormal gait which gave them the impression he was armed. Deputy said they drove to within 20 feet of Suspect Moore when Moore noticed them and immediately ran toward a fence to a residence. He said he noticed as Suspect Moore scaled the fence, that Moore was holding a black color semi automatic pistol in his right hand. Deputy said he told Deputy the suspect was armed and said he saw the gun too. Deputy said he was getting out of the patrol car to detain Suspect Moore as Moore jumped over the fence and into the yard of a residence.
Deputy said he walked along the north side of 150 <sup>th</sup> Street to parallel the suspect and Deputy parked the radio car at the corner of 150 <sup>th</sup> Street and Wadsworth Avenue to form a two person containment. Deputy said he walked of the corner and heard

Investigators were told by Homicide detectives that Suspect Moore jumped down onto the

the sound of dogs barking in the rear yard of the residences and believed they may have been barking at the suspect. Deputy said he walked up the driveway of 150th Street toward the sound of the barking dogs and as he did so, he lost sight of his partner because of an ivy covered fence that ran along the driveway. He added that he did not inform Deputy that he was going to walk up the driveway toward the barking dogs. Deputy said he was part way up the driveway when he noticed Suspect Moore jump over the ivy covered fence that delineated the corner house from the driveway he stood in at 150th Street. He added that Suspect Moore landed on the driveway approximately 10 feet in front of him and on the north side of a closed four foot fence that crossed the driveway. He added there was no available cover.
Deputy said he yelled for Suspect Moore to show his hands as Moore landed in the driveway, crouched down and facing away from Deputy Deputy said Suspect Moore ignored his commands and he noticed Moore's right arm moving to the side in what he described as a "blading" motion as Moore turned to look at him. Deputy said he believed Suspect Moore was still armed and was turning to shoot him. He said he feared for his life so he fired once at center mass on Suspect Moore then re assessed. He said he believed his shot missed Suspect Moore because Moore continued to bring his arm around in his direction. He said he fired two more rapid shots at Suspect Moore and Suspect Moore fell to the ground. Deputy added that he saw Suspect Moore moving his right arm and slightly turning his torso to the right but he could not tell if Suspect Moore had a weapon in his hand at the time. Deputy said he opened the four foot driveway gate and broadcast on his hand held radio that he had just been involved in a shooting. He added that Deputy arrived and tapped him on the shoulder and took over the radio transmissions.
During Deputy IAB interview, scene photographs [Exhibit C] were used to indicate locations as noted on the photographs, for reference only, by Deputy The pictures were obtained from a CD containing photographs of the crime scene [Exhibit D].
For more information, see Deputy attached IAB interview transcription.
Homicide Interview of Deputy On June 26, 2008, Homicide detectives interviewed Deputy with IAB investigators Sergeant Denison and Sergeant Flores present. Homicide's summary of this interview is an accurate account of what was said and may be found on page 32 of the Homicide Investigation Book [Exhibit A]. For more information and exact wording, see Deputy attached interview transcription.
Deputy said he noticed Suspect Moore walking on Wadsworth Avenue and holding his front waistband area as if he may be concealing a weapon. He said he noticed Suspect Moore holding a black color semi automatic pistol in his hand at the time Suspect Moore scaled a chain link fence and before he lost sight of Suspect Moore. Deputy said he drove the radio car to the corner of Wadsworth Avenue and 150th Street to set up a two man containment

while his partner, Deputy walked east on 150<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputy said he heard Deputy yelling and then he heard several gunshots so he drove the radio car to the location to assist Deputy He added that he did not witness the actual shooting because he could not see it from his vantage point.

### **Suspect Statements**

None

### **Miscellaneous**

- \* Admonition form for Deputy
- \* Miscellaneous related documents.





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March 30, 2009

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Re:

J.S.I.D. File # 08-0384

LASD File # 008-11673-2872-013

### Dear Captain Smith:

The Justice System Integrity Division of the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has completed its review of the June 26, 2008, fatal shooting of Bryan Davidlee Moore by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputy acted in lawful self-defense.

The following analysis is based on reports submitted to our office on October 21, 2008 and December 23, 2008, by Detectives Frank Salerno and Louis Aguilera of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD), Detective Division – Homicide Bureau. The District Attorney's Command Center was notified of this shooting on June 26, 2008 at approximately 7:35 p.m. The District Attorney Response Team, comprised of Deputy District Attorney Amy Pellman Pentz and District Attorney Senior Investigator responded and were given a briefing and walk-through of the scene by Lieutenant David Coleman. No departmentally compelled statements were considered in this analysis.

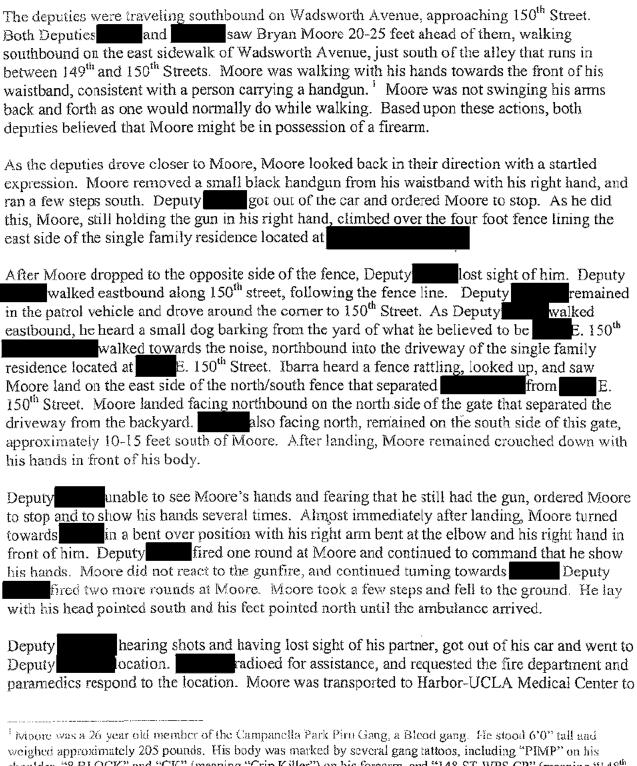
### **FACTUAL ANALYSIS**

On June 26, 2008, at approximately 5:55 p.m., Los Angeles County Sheriff's Deputies			
and were in uniform and on routine patrol in a marked black and white			
Sheriff's vehicle.	Deputy was t	he driver, and Deputy	was the right front
passenger.			

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shoulder, "8 BLOCK" and "CK" (meaning "Crip Killer") on his forearm, and "148 ST WPS CP" (meaning "148th Street West Side Campanella Park Piru") on his abdomen. Moore's

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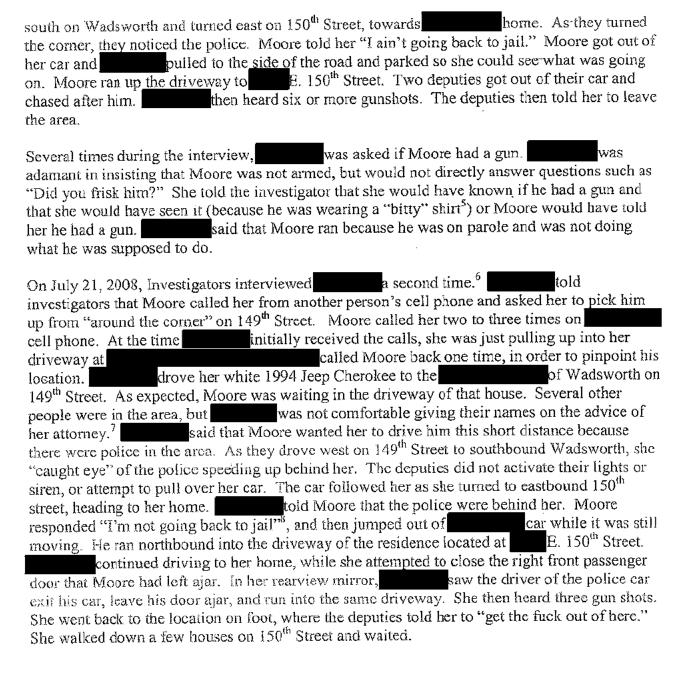
be treated for his injuries. He was pronounced dead at the Medical Center at 6:41 p.m. on June 26, 2008.

Investigators recovered three expended shell casings from the east side of the driveway of E. 150th Street. Moore's cell phone was recovered with his clothing, close to where he fell to the ground.3 LASD investigators attempted to locate the firearm seen and described by both Deputies but were unable to do so. The area searched included the exteriors of both E. 150<sup>th</sup> Street. The residence located at and residences located at was bordered by a four foot chain link fence. Thick hedges surround and are grown on top of this fence. The backyard of this residence is bordered by an eight foot concrete retaining wall, with manicured hedges grown on the wall and above it. The front yard is separated from the backyard by two white wrought iron security gates which were both unlocked and ajar. This property is separated from E. 150<sup>th</sup> Street by a four foot chain link fence. Several neighbors were interviewed. Although no one witnessed the shooting, some relevant information was provided. was inside the house at E. 150th Street.4 He heard the gate rattle, and walked to the rear door. As did this, he heard two to three gunshots coming from outside. opened the door and saw Moore fall to the ground. approached Moore, and saw Deputy with his gun drawn, on the south side of the gate dividing the front from request, opened the unlocked but closed gate for him, and the backyard. At Deputy then went inside. was just about to step outside the back door to her house at when time she heard two gunshots coming from her backyard. As she looked out her dining room window, she was able to see into her backyard. saw a man come out of the back door of the residence located at E. 150<sup>th</sup> Street, go to the gate in the saw two deputies in the backyard. One deputy had a gun in his driveway, and check it. hand. They both were moving around in a circular pattern and were not speaking with each other. She saw one of the deputies pick up Moore's body and check under his body two times. believed that the deputy was looking for something under Moore's body. was interviewed by LASD investigators on two different Moore's occasions. The first interview occurred on June 26, 2008, at approximately 10:45 pm, after she stated that Moore called her and asked her to come get returned from the hospital. him. She picked him up in her white Jeep Cherokee at the corner of 149th and Wadsworth, right by the park. When Moore got into her car, he told "the police is hot." They drove

The three casings found at the scene and the three bullets recovered from Moore's body were all attributed to Deputy Summ "Beretta" handgun.

The phone on Moore was registered to Lee did "odd jobs" for the owner of the residence, and was the only person home at the time of the shooting. He did confirm that the dogs were outside at the time of the shooting.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Moore's clothing was collected at the scene. It consisted of one pair of pants, one white t-shirt, one white tank top, size L, and one black short sleeve shirt, size 3XL.

During the interview, makes it very clear that she herself has speken to many witnesses and neighbors about the events of that evening, including Moore's treating physician, and two men who live at residence.

I lovestigators cauvassed 149th Street and found no one who recalled seeing Moore or seeing a white Jeep Cherokee. speculated that Moore had marijusta in his possession. She believed that Moore had been smoking marijuana, and told investigators that smoking weed exacerbates his schizophrenic/bipolar condition. Additionally, several times in the interview she indicated that Moore was impulsive by nature.

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An analysis of phone records show that she did not call the phone in Moore's possession, nor did she receive any calls from that number. An analysis of Moore's phone shows that he did not call and did not receive any calls from that number.

On June 29, 2008, at 8 a.m., Deputy Medical Examiner Ajay J. Panchal, M.D., performed an autopsy on Moore. Moore was struck by gunfire three times. Moore sustained one gunshot wound which entered his left lower back area. This gunshot wound was fatal. The second gunshot wound entered Moore's left buttock. The third penetrating wound entered Moore's right buttock. The direction of travel of the projectile was right to left, back to front, and downward. This penetrating wound was also fatal. The first and third wounds are consistent with being shot when Moore was bent over. The coroner found no soot or stippling on any wound and was unable to determine the range of fire. The coroner ascribed the cause of death as a gunshot wound to the back.

#### CONCLUSION

According to the law in California, a person acted in lawful self-defense or defense of another if (1) he reasonably believed that he or someone else was in imminent danger of being killed or suffering great bodily injury and (2) he reasonably believed that the immediate use of deadly force was necessary to defend against that danger. CALCRIM 505. If the person's beliefs were reasonable, the danger does not need to have actually existed. CALCRIM 3470.

Actual danger is not necessary to justify the use of deadly force in self-defense. If one is confronted by the appearance of danger which one believes, and a reasonable person in the same position would believe, would result in death or great bodily injury, one may act upon those circumstances. The right of self-defense is the same whether the danger is real or merely apparent. People v. Toledo (1948) 85 Cal.App.2d 577.

The "reasonableness" of a particular use of force must be judged from the perspective of a reasonable officer on the scene, rather than the 20/20 vision of hindsight. The calculus of reasonableness must embody allowance for the fact that police officers are often forced to make split-second judgments—in circumstances that are tense, uncertain, and rapidly evolving—about the amount of force that is necessary in a particular situation. Graham v. Conner (1989) 490 U.S. 386, 396-397.

The evidence examined in this investigation shows that Deputies and and saw Moore walking as if he was armed. The deputies attempted to contact Moore, who, according to the deputies, produced a handgun and ran away. After jumping over a fence and landing in someone's backyard, Moore crouched down, hid his hands from Deputy and and refused to follow lawful orders. As he began to turn towards the deputy, Deputy fearing that Moore had a gun, fired three rounds at Moore, striking Moore in his buttocks and lower back.

Additionally, Moore's blood alcohol level was .06%. Marijuana was also found in Moore's blood.

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We conclude that Deputy was placed in reasonable fear of imminent danger of death or great bodily injury by Moore's actions and acted lawfully in self-defense when he used deadly force against Moore. We are therefore closing our file and will take no further action in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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